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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

**References AO [JP 3218107 (corr. US 5,450,526)] and AP [JP 2002-501218
(corr. WO 99/35783)] on Form PTO-1449:**

These references are discussed in the specification. It is believed that these references fail to teach or suggest a service providing apparatus including a service providing section to provide services, where the service providing section has an authentication information managing section to manage authentication information related to the services and having a term of validity, an extension request accepting section to accept an extension request to extend the term of validity of the authentication information, and an authentication information updating section to extend the term of validity of the authentication information depending on the extension request.



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AO	3218107	08/03/2001	JAPAN (with corr. US 5,450,526)		X
AP	2002-501218	01/15/2002	JAPAN (with corr. WO 99/35783)		X
AQ	WO 99/35783	07/15/1999	WIPO		
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